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Chair, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network

It is my great pleasure to be able to present to you, our APRRN members, friends and supporters, our 2017 Annual Report. This annual report will present updates on our key pillars of work for the past year. This includes a range of collaborative international, regional and local advocacy initiatives; opportunities we have had for information sharing and outreach; and capacity strengthening with our growing network of organisations and individuals.

2017 was again a year of worrying instability and uncertainty in many places around the region and the world. We continued to see and hear stories of people forced to flee their homes and the numerous challenges for finding protection spaces at a regional and global level. The scale of the global refugee crisis continues to be unprecedented, and in our region the numbers also continued to increase with

the UNHCR estimating there are now 7.7 million people of concern in the region. We were shocked by the escalation of violence toward Rohingya in Rakhine State, Myanmar forcing over 660,000 people fleeing into Bangladesh and other neighbouring countries. We also saw a worrying trend among some states toward the erosion of rights of people seeking protection from punitive state border security rhetoric and policies.

In spite of these seemingly overwhelming challenges, APRRN members continued to witness the incredible resilience, agency and creativity of people seeking safety. Through APRRN members' joint advocacy efforts, we were also excited by notable incremental positive steps in various places in the region. These included the ongoing development of a 'screening mechanism' in Thailand, Indonesia's

Presidential Decree on the Handling of Foreign Refugees which contemplates multiple improvements for refugee protections, and the Malaysian pilot program allowing 300 Rohingya refugees to work legally in the country. In 2017, APRRN members and working groups were actively involved in providing input on the ongoing remodelling of the international architecture of asylum and migration that is currently taking place through the Global Compact on Refugees and a Global Compact on Migration processes. APRRN working groups and members collaborated to ensure that central to these processes are the voices and concerns of refugees and other displaced people. They also fought hard to ensure that these processes did not water-down existing protections and rights that should be afforded to refugees and others seeking safety.

APRRN's diverse membership continued to expand in 2017 and we now have over 330 civil-society organisations and individuals across 28 countries around the region as part of the network. The diversity of the network, along with the willingness of our members to collaborate has proven to be key in the success and legitimacy we have gained as a network. Continued mutual-learning and information sharing through roundtables, conferences and short courses have also led to greater effectiveness and capacity of our member organisations and individuals. It has also bolstered our ability to connect the concerns of refugees and other displaced people into larger international frameworks and networks with the power to affect systematic change.

As we embark into another year of hard work, dialogue and incremental steps, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all APRRN members, the Secretariat and all APRRN supporters. It is a privilege to chair such a strong and collaborative network of people and organisations passionate about the rights and dignity of refugees. I look forward to all the work we will do together in 2018.

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AGE THE APRRN CHAIR MESS

As Secretary General of the APRRN Secretariat, it is my pleasure to be able to present to you with our 2017 Annual Report. This report reflects upon APRRN's work in the key areas of advocacy, information sharing and capacity strengthening, and provides an overview of what APRRN has achieved and learned as a network, and how we plan to move forward.

Through our Geographic and Thematic Working groups and our Secretariat, we continued to work effectively in our 3 key areas of work: joint-advocacy, information sharing and capacity strengthening. At the local level in Thailand, APRRN worked with a number of local members to coordinate roundtables and dialogue with the government, this included support to the Coalition for Refugees and Stateless Persons (CRSP) in Thailand to engage on the development of the screening mechanism. In Taiwan APRRN has worked with the Taiwan Association of Human Rights and organised trainings aimed at building government capacity to effectively develop a refugee protection system.

At the regional level APRRN continued, through our Regional Protection Working Group, to coordinate and facilitate streamlined advocacy efforts. Following a roundtable discussion in May, this also included strengthening APRRN's engagement with the Global Compact for Refugees (GCR) and Global Compact for Migration (GCM), to ensure members perspectives and voices were included. Engagement with ASEAN also continued through a number of different channels, including an APRRN delegation to the Philippines, attendance at the ASEAN Civil Society Conference, and collaboration with the Solidarity for Asian People's Advocacies (SAPA).

FROM THE APRRN SECRETARIAT NOTE



APRRN continued to play a crucial role in advocating and engaging at the international level throughout 2017. Most notably, 55 APRRN members attended the UNHCR Annual NGO Consultations held in Geneva in June, with the Secretariat playing a key role in coordinating APRRN members involvement and facilitating meetings and follow up actions. APRRN further also efficiently coordinated our diverse membership voices and put pressure on governments in and beyond the region.

Information Sharing and Capacity Strengthening also remained an important facet of our work. APRRN Secretariat staff worked to ensure our members have access to up-to-date information on the situation in different contexts through a strong media and social media presence, regular statements, and interaction through our google group communication channels. We also held a number of trainings and short courses to strengthen the capacity of member organisations and their ability to support and advocate for displaced persons across the region.

It is my sincere belief that our ability to work together and collaborate between such diverse contexts and members has played a crucial role in some of the successes we have seen in the region over the past twelve months. I am excited to see this important work continue and would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you to all our hard-working member organisations, individuals and Secretariat staff.

Julia Mayerhofer
Secretary General



PURPOSE

With most countries in the Asia Pacific lacking any form of legal protection for refugees, national civil society organisations (CSOs) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have stepped in to play vital roles in providing services and advocating for refugee protection. However, CSOs often have trouble accessing relevant training opportunities, technical resources, stakeholders and other advocates. In response to these gaps, APRRN was created as a platform for refugee rights advocates to better work together and engage with relevant stakeholders. The main aim of our work is to advance the rights of refugees at different levels and this remains our key mandate and the focus of our work to this day.

APRRN - IN A SNAPSHOT

MEMBERSHIP

Established in 2008 at the 1st Asia Pacific Consultation on Refugee Rights, APRRN has grown to 167 organisational members and 166 individual members, for a total of 333 members both within and outside of the region. APRRN's diverse membership continues to be comprised of legal aid providers, service providers, academics, human rights defenders, students, development practitioners and refugee communities themselves.

PROGRAMME AREAS

APRRN divides its work into three key pillars namely capacity strengthening, joint advocacy and information sharing. These efforts are supported and overseen by APRRN's volunteer Steering Committee and the APRRN Secretariat. At present, the APRRN Secretariat consists of six full-time staff members. The APRRN Steering Committee is comprised of nineteen members elected by APRRN members every two years. Three of these are non-voting Steering Committee members.

WORKING GROUPS

APRRN members join any of the six thematic (Immigration Detention, Statelessness, Regional Protection, Legal Aid & Advocacy, Women & Girls at Risk, and Youth) and four geographic Working Groups (South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific) through which they collaborate on programming and advocacy.

MEMBER SUPPORT

APRRN Secretariat staff visited Australia, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland and Taiwan in 2017 and met with former, current and potential APRRN members. These outreach trips not only assisted in increasing APRRN's visibility in each country, but also provided a space to discuss ways in which APRRN can further strengthen collaboration between members.

APRRN Secretariat staff also supported members on a daily basis by providing advice, connecting them to one another, directing them to resources, and exploring other ways in which the Secretariat can provide on-going support. This has enabled the Secretariat to develop strong personal relations across the entire network, an essential element of providing coordination and collaboration.

For regular updates and to learn more about what APRRN is working on, add us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and bookmark our Website.



As a new charity aiming to assist refugees in transit, we have found APRRN to be a valuable source of information and networking in the Asia Pacific. They have saved us a lot of time and resources by helping us to find suitable partners and by providing access to digestible information that allows us to more quickly mobilise to support those most in need. Through the network we have also been able to find like-minded organisations and to keep abreast of international policy developments. The team have been very helpful and approachable.

**David Keegan,
CEO – HOST International**



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTCOMES

As a result of advocacy at the national, regional and international levels, APRRN has seen several noteworthy developments over the past year. Most of these advances are the result of sustained long-term advocacy efforts by our members across the region. Both the Global Compact for Refugees and Global Compact for Migration processes were of particular importance in 2017, as APRRN and its members were able to engage and input meaningfully into both of these processes as important civil society voices. APRRN's advocacy in both of these processes will continue as both compacts move towards intergovernmental negotiation phases.

In 2017 APRRN continued to facilitate strong alliances and connections between members and with other relevant stakeholders. APRRN co-organised a number of regional and national events across our countries of geographic focus. During these meetings, members were provided a unique opportunity to build solidarity with other refugee practitioners in addition to other likeminded groups in associated sectors. Such alliances have helped to deliver well thought out messages and advocacy positions for critical policy changes.

Through APRRN's long-term advocacy the network has further **influenced key stakeholders** in various countries. This has helped to further the momentum in several countries for an expansion of the protection spaces available. In Taiwan for example, as a result of a series of activities APRRN was able to engage key stakeholders and provide technical assistance, show solidarity and provide networking support to enable progress towards the adoption of strong refugee laws in the Legislative Yuan, and progress towards developing a refugee protection system in Taiwan.

A primary focus of APRRN for many years has been **strengthening the organisational capacity** of members across the region. Through APRRN's annual short course held in November 2017,



attendees gained skills and knowledge related to advocacy within the refugee context. Participants were also provided with a **sound framework in refugee law** and human rights, allowing them to better understand the different advocacy mechanisms available. The participants returned to their organisations with enhanced knowledge and skills, ready to continue their work towards advocacy and policy change efforts in their local contexts.

As noted above, APRRN held a series of workshops and trainings throughout the year. These included a Capacity Building Workshop on Alternatives to Detention, a Workshop on Mixed Migration, and a Roundtable on Judicial Engagement. All of these provided spaces to build and strengthen the capacity of people and organisations working on refugee issues in the region, and also provided opportunities to explore new avenues for advocacy and collaboration.

APRRN's communication channels provided network members with the ability to learn from one another and **share good practices**. Through our Facebook page, Twitter account and website,

APRRN members and refugee rights advocates had space to share news stories and research. As a result, member organisations **have developed synergies and linkages** on common issues of concern. The sharing of good practices across borders has provided an impetus for other organisation to draw upon these examples and to see how they can be replicated and/or scaled up in their own geographic context.

A further outcome of APRRN's **information and knowledge sharing** is the ability to **garner joint support** on a multitude of issues. In 2017 APRRN significantly increased the number of statements and press releases that were produced and shared, reflecting key issues of concern amongst countries and members. Targeted towards policymakers and the broader international community, these statements are a key component of APRRN's advocacy. Such efforts resulted in a significant increase in APRRN's media coverage throughout 2017. Such information sharing and active media outreach also provides an **opportunity to create new ideas and develop strategies** for further cross-regional joint advocacy efforts.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES:

ADVOCACY

NATIONAL ADVOCACY

New Zealand

From 3-7 April 2017, APRRN organised a trip to New Zealand that built upon previous advocacy to explore practical ways how Alternatives to Detention (ATDs) in Southeast Asia could be expanded. This followed a trip in 2016 where a delegation of APRRN and International Detention Coalition (IDC) representatives visited New Zealand to discuss how New Zealand can strengthen its leadership around refugee protection in the region. This trip focused on issues around immigration detention as an entry point and key concern in Southeast Asia.

For the 2017 trip, representatives included Robyn Sampson, Research Coordinator for the IDC, Michelle Ferns of the Refugee Council of Australia, and Chak Ng who has worked with unaccompanied refugee minors for many years at Lutheran Community Services Northwest and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in the USA.

The delegation met with members of parliament, immigration, refugee settlement service providers, child rights groups, and APRRN / IDC members. Specifically, the delegation put forward a proposal for New Zealand to resettle 20 unaccompanied refugee children from shelters in Indonesia and/or Malaysia. This proposal was designed to make more strategic use of limited resettlement places, and to increase the impact resettlement can achieve. The proposal not only responds to the needs of a number of highly vulnerable children needing protection, but also doubles the impact resettlement can achieve by opening up 20 spaces in the community for children currently held in detention. The proposal was well received, and follow-up is currently underway as this is structured as a long-term project. A consultant based in New Zealand has been engaged on a pro-bono basis to continue to drive this work throughout 2018.

Thailand

In Thailand, APRRN's support throughout 2017 has largely been focused on the Coalition for the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons (CRSP), which was officially established in early 2016. Throughout 2017, APRRN has been strategically focusing on supporting CRSP as a means to strengthen national ownership of refugee issues in Thailand. In 2017 this included:

- Providing substantive input into Thailand's ICCPR submission. In the actual review issues raised included refoulement, the national screening mechanism being developed by the Royal Thai Government, and immigration detention.

- APRRN supported CRSP in organising an embassy briefing on 30 May 2017.

- APRRN also provided technical support for a "Screening mechanism workshop" which was held on 21-22 November 2017.

- On 3 August 2017 APRRN organised a meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to strengthen our relationship and improve coordination.

- APRRN has also continued to support a campaign scorecard on "2018 End Child Detention Scorecards" through regular meetings with the Thailand Country Committee to determine Thailand's score. We have also been able to provide data and assist in developing recommendations to Thailand for score improvement.

- APRRN has extended its collaboration with the Organization for Peace and Human Rights (OPHR) and the Muslim Studies Center at Chulalongkorn University organising a symposium on "Lesson Learned for Humanitarian Assistance for Rohingya" on 27 November 2017.





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Taiwan

From 16-18 January 2017, APRRN participated in the 2017 Review Meeting of the Republic of China's Second Report under both the ICCPR and ICESCR United Nations Conventions. This review occurs every four years in Taiwan and provides a unique forum where independent experts, Taiwan Government officials and NGOs can meet together on an equal platform to discuss the progress towards Taiwan's obligations under their domestic ratification of the ICCPR and ICESCR.

APRRN was represented by Brian Barbour (Japan Association for Refugees), Evan Jones (APRRN Secretariat) and Eeeling Chiu (Taiwan Association for Human Rights). During the review NGOs were heavily involved and were able to make statements under the different review themes. The panel made three concluding recommendations to the Taiwanese Government specifically related to refugees including: a reiteration from 2013 to adopt national legislation to protect refugees, the absolute need to observe the principle of non-refoulement, and recommendations for the Taiwan Legal Aid Foundation to provide legal support to refugees and asylum seekers regardless of their status. The recommendations were made because of APRRN's strong lobbying during the review.

In addition, Taiwan's Legislative Yuan is currently considering a draft Refugee Bill. With the bill having entered Parliament in mid-2016, APRRN has been actively engaging with the Taiwanese Government for its passage through the legislative process. To support this, from 25-26 April 2017, a delegation of APRRN members travelled to Taiwan, which also included a representative from the International Association of Refugee Law Judges. The objective of the trip was to show international solidarity and support for the development of Taiwan's refugee protection system.

APRRN, together with the TAHR convened a closed-door roundtable on 25 April, which focused on positive practices and lessons learned from across East Asia and the world. On 26 April, the delegation met with a number of key government institutions including the Judicial Yuan, the Legislative Yuan and the National Immigration Agency. The press release from the Refugee Roundtable can be found [here](#).



From 26 – 28 October 2017, an APRRN delegation composed of refugee experts, judges, lawyers and civil society activists gathered in Taipei, Taiwan to build upon APRRN's previous activities with the objective to build momentum required for the passage of Taiwan's draft refugee law. During this time the delegation had the opportunity to meet with and engage in open and frank discussions with the Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan and members of parliament on a number of issues, including refugee protection systems and ethical practices in Refugee Status Determination processes.

Members of the APRRN delegation also attended and made an intervention during the Legislative Yuan's review of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, reiterating the obligation of Taiwan to respect the principle of non-refoulement in line with its adoption of the ICCPR into domestic law.

Furthermore, the delegation conducted a number of trainings for National Immigration Agency personnel and judges to build national capacity for successful implementation of the refugee law. Complementing the bilateral meetings and trainings, an East Asia Refugee Forum, hosted by Soochow University's Human Rights Program was also held. The aim was to raise public awareness of refugee issues in East Asia and address negative discours-

es about refugees and asylum seekers. University students, public interest lawyers, and members of the public attended the Forum.

APRRN will continue to support Taiwan through trainings, technical expertise, resource sharing and networking as we consider this as a long-term project that is focused on building a comprehensive refugee protection system.

APRRN HAS PROVIDED A LOT OF ASSISTANCE TO NGOS IN TAIWAN, WHICH IS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL BECAUSE TAIWAN IS IN A UNIQUE SITUATION WHERE UNHCR CANNOT PROVIDE ANY SUPPORT TO REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS. APRRN HAS BEEN ABLE TO HELP BUILD IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NGOS IN TAIWAN AND OTHER REGIONAL NGOS, FACILITATING THE SHARING OF USEFUL INFORMATION ON POLICY AND ALSO ASSISTING WITH TRAINING. THROUGH THE NETWORK WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO IMPROVE OUR ADVOCACY WORK AT THE DOMESTIC LEVEL.

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SECRETARY GENERAL –
TAIWAN ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



Other national level support

The APRRN Secretariat continued to take an active role in supporting advocacy initiatives of our members in 2017. This included:

- Pakistan: The APRRN Secretariat has continued to support our members in Pakistan and India by raising international awareness on issues of key concern. This is generally through the form of statements but also through media connections and sharing of advocacy techniques amongst members. In 2017 this included such issues as extension of Proof of Registration (PoR) cards and the persecution of Rohingya refugees in Jammu/Kashmir (India).
- The APRRN Secretariat provided support to other national networks by linking them to resources and other members as well as sharing information.
- The APRRN Secretariat also continued to provide technical support and advice to members and linked them to other members as needed.



REGIONAL ADVOCACY

Engagement with the ASEAN

In 2017 APRRN continued to engage with ASEAN and explored new ways to engage with the regional body. In 2017, this included:

- APRRN attended the annual meeting of the Solidarity for Asian Peoples' Advocacies (SAPA), which was held in Manila in February 2017.

- On 15–16 October 2017, APRRN attended the SAPA Midyear Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia. Migration will continue to be one of SAPA's focus areas in 2017 and 2018, and APRRN believes SAPA to be a good space to further advance the refugee rights movement.

- On 10–14 November 2017, an APRRN delegation attended the ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum (ACSC/APF) held in Manila, Philippines. During the 4-day conference, APRRN contributed to the drafting of the Statement of the ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum 2017. The conference also provided an opportunity for APRRN to strengthen dialogue, and its relationships with AICHR representatives, CSOs and European Parliament members attending the ACSC/APF, as well as support a Refugee Forum organised by APRRN's member in the Philippines, Community and Family Services International. The forum was well attended and provided an opportunity to engage with CSO members unfamiliar with refugee issues in the region.

Engagement with Australia

Over the past two years, APRRN has strengthened its engagement with politicians and parliamentarians in Australia with the aim of encouraging Australia's positive leadership in the region and to help stimulate some political imagination in the refugee discourse. This engagement has also focused on raising awareness on what is happening in the wider region and providing practical examples on how Australia can make a tangible difference.

Following a conference held in February 2017 in Sydney, a small delegation of APRRN representatives made their way to Canberra for a series of meetings with parliamentarians, government officials and UNHCR. The meetings highlighted a number of small positive movements towards refugee protection occurring in the region and how Australia can support these steps. The delegation consisted of Paul Power, Yiombi Thona, Najeeba Wazefadost and Evan Jones.

After the conclusion of this trip, Australian MP Tim Watts visited the region on an outreach mission. During his visit he met with APRRN members in Bangkok to hear first hand about some of the issues on the ground and how APRRN members are working for stronger refugee protection. As a government that has a strong ability to create and influence regional policies, APRRN continues to encourage Australia to adopt more imaginative political solutions that support key nations within the region.

Southeast Asia

Working Group Consultations

On 4-5 May 2017, APRRN held Southeast Asia Working Group (SEAWG) Consultations in Bangkok, Thailand, which was joined by 40 participants from 6 different countries. The aim of these consultations was to provide an opportunity to discuss the latest advancements and challenges and to develop more in-depth strategies for APRRN members. The event also served as a networking and collaboration opportunity.

The consultations discussed and developed strategies around four key issues:

- National development and opportunities for change in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand
- ASEAN engagement
- Rohingya refugees
- Situation of refugees on the Thailand-Myanmar border

Regional Conference on Children on the Move

From 24-25 May 2017, a Regional Conference on Children on the Move was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The conference was organised jointly with Save the Children (SC), Terre de Hommes (TdH), International Detention Coalition (IDC) and APRRN. The aim of the conference was to gather input from a range of national and regional stakeholders working on issues relating to children on the move in Southeast Asia to inform the content of the Global Compacts on Migrants and Refugees, especially on issues that relate to children.

The organisers also collaborated with the UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW) and the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) to hold a pre-session to inform the content of a Joint General Comment on the human rights of children in the context of international migration. The participants presented and discussed their views and ideas on the zero draft of the JGC.

During this event, Save the Children and APRRN launched a joint report titled 'Immigration Detention of Asylum Seeker and Refugee Children in Asia Pacific and Alternatives: 'a Five Country Study'. The report examined current policy framework and practices in five countries, namely Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia and the Republic of Nauru. A video produced by Save the Children titled "Unlocking Childhood. Voices of refugee and asylum seeker children in South East Asia" that reflects children's experience of being detained in Southeast Asia was shown at the report launch. The full report is available [here](#).

Following the launch of this report, both Save the Children and APRRN were invited to present at a National Symposium on Ending Violence Against Children on 28 June 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Symposium aimed to strengthen the coordination of stakeholders in the ASEAN regional mechanisms to

advocate for the improvement of legal frameworks in juvenile justice. Representatives from the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection for the Rights of Women and Children attended the symposium.

Migrant Forum Asia (MFA) / Global Alliance Against the Trafficking of Women (GAATW) / APRRN Workshop on Mixed Migration

From 4-5 April 2017, APRRN, in conjunction with Migrant Forum in Asia and the Global Alliance Against the Traffic in Women hosted a regional training in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In the lead up to the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Migration, the training was an opportunity to bring together migrant and refugee organisations as part of the preparations for these global compact processes.

The impetus for this training was borne out of the 2016 Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD) that was hosted in Dhaka, Bangladesh. During this meeting both migrant and refugee organisations in Asia identified the need for greater understanding and conceptual clarity on refugee issues among migrant groups; and understanding and conceptual clarity on migrant issues among refugee groups. Given that the next GFMD was to be held in Berlin, with the theme, "Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development", it was considered pertinent for Asian civil society members to develop a united position on issues of refugee and migrant rights.

Over the two days both groups were able to provide updates and a better appreciation for the issues in each of their respective areas of focus. This meeting provided the foundation by which refugee organisations could begin to plan and commence their engagement with the GCM processes over the next year.

Outreach and advocacy with the Government of the Philippines

Following on from the ASEAN Civil Society Conference, APRRN Secretariat staff Evan Jones and Sussi Prapranant embarked on a series of outreach and advocacy meetings in the Philippines with various stakeholders including UNHCR, IOM, legal aid providers, the Department of Justice, members of parliament and policy makers. The APRRN Secretariat was joined by a representative from OXFAM International and from our local partner, Community and Family Services International.

The meetings were incredibly fruitful, and the ideas very well received and as a result APRRN alongside ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) and Philippines Commission on Human Rights will host a Refugee Forum in August 2018 to bring together law makers and MPs across the political spectrum to build their knowledge of refugee issues.



East Asia Working Group Consultations

On 24-25 October 2017, APRRN held the East Asia Working Group Consultations in Taipei, Taiwan, which was attended by 21 participants from 5 different countries. The aim of the working group consultation was to provide an opportunity to discuss latest developments and develop more in-depth strategies for APRRN members. The event also served as a networking and collaboration opportunity for APRRN members. Discussions were centred around three common key issues in the East Asian region; I) Low Recognition Rates, II) Engaging with governments and III) Xenophobia & Racism, and how to advance APRRN's advocacy strategy in addressing these issues. During the 1 ½ day consultations, APRRN members from Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan and Mongolia shared updates on the current refugee situation in their countries and provided overviews of the main issues and core areas of advocacy of their respective organisations. Members also shared insight of the conditions in their countries related to the three core issues, which included examples of lessons learned and good practices and models that they have employed.

As APRRN has had a specific focus on Taiwan over the past year due to the pending refugee legislation in the Legislative Yuan, the consultations were also an opportunity to evaluate the progress so far and discuss the work of EAWG in progressing the adoption of the law. The consultations were concluded with a wrapping up session that aimed to consolidate key points and strategies for moving forward.

Regional advocacy around the Situation in Rakhine and Bangladesh

The second half of 2017 saw a horrific situation evolving in Rakhine state of Myanmar leading to mass movements of Rohingya refugees to neigh-

boring Bangladesh. As a response APRRN coordinated the following:

- An online Google Drive database was reestablished that captured latest statements, news, reports and call for actions for our members.
- A briefing paper for the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights which provided an update and brief analysis on the mass displacement of people from Rakhine State. The submission can be accessed [here](#). APRRN members later met with AICHR representatives to discuss the submission.
- APRRN prepared common talking points and key messages to be used for our members during their advocacy activities and in order to facilitate common positioning.
- A Sub Working Group was established that brought together key members in order to allow them to share information easily and coordinate advocacy activities.
- A Task Force was established of key individuals in November 2017 in order to explore a more long-term strategy.
- An APRRN statement titled 'Less Talk and More Action: Support Bangladesh with the Rohingya Crisis' was published and APRRN also sent an *open letter* to the Co-Chairs of the Bali Process calling to trigger the Bali Process consultation mechanism and convene urgent dialogue among its members.



INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

UNHCR Engagement

UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs

In 2017 the theme of the UNHCR Annual Consultation was *“From global responsibility to local action – Implementing the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF)”*. The consultations provided space to discuss a number of core issues of concern with the core recommendations feeding into the next thematic consultation for the Global Compact for Refugees. In addition to the usual sessions for the various regional bureaus, the agenda also featured thematic sessions on the following issues: statelessness in a displacement context, strengthened coordination for persons of concern, reception and admission, legal frameworks, joint commitments for refugees and migrants, refugee voices, resourcing the CRRF, local partnerships, the global compact and women and girls, conditions for safe return, and expanding resettlement.

In 2017, approximately 55 APRRN members were present and actively involved as participants, moderators, note takers and panellists. APRRN provided funding and mentoring support to three representatives all of them coming from a refugee background. In addition to the formal UNHCR Consultations, several side meetings were organised including; UNHCR RSD Retreat, Strategic Litigation Roundtable, meetings with UNHCR and meetings with Meetings with relevant permanent missions.

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Other UNHCR engagement

Throughout 2017, APRRN continued to be in close dialogue with both the Regional Office as well as some of the national offices (e.g. Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Japan, Nepal) in the region. In March 2017, APRRN coordinated the NGO statement for the UNHCR Standing Committee that summarised key concerns for the region. The statement can be found [here](#).



Global Compact on Refugees / Global Compact on Migration

Advocacy around the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the Global Compact on Migrants (GCM) became a key focus area for APRRN in 2017 given the importance they will play in shaping the international architecture of refugee protection into the future. This engagement was led via APRRN's Regional Protection Working Group and the following activities took place in 2017:

Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)

- APRRN was invited to the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) Reference Group which consists of UNHCR, IFRC and only a few other NGOs. Through the CRRF Reference Group, APRRN had an opportunity to feed in good practices, lessons learned and alternatives practices/strategies from the region. APRRN representatives also joined the first in-person meeting in Amman, Jordan which was held over two days.

- APRRN was involved in the Civil Society Action Committee, which was established in the lead up of the NY Declaration and brings together groups working with refugee rights and migrant rights. In addition, APRRN continued to be part of ICVA's Forced Displacement Working Group.

- APRRN coordinated one of the sections of the NGO Reflection Paper on the GCR available [here](#).

- APRRN developed a briefing paper on "Reflections on the Significance of the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants for the Asia Pacific region". The paper is available [here](#).

- APRRN was invited and participated in all thematic discussions of the GCR which were held in Geneva in July, October and November. Briefing papers were prepared for all thematic discussions and can be accessed via to website.

- APRRN's Program Coordinator, Evan Jones joined a meeting organised by OXFAM International in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 18-19 October. The global meeting provided an opportunity for OXFAM staff and other civil society representatives from around the world to provide input to an OXFAM initiative titled, "A Global Framework for Responsibility Sharing". APRRN was the only Asian civil society voice at the meeting.

- On the 9th of October, APRRN's Regional Protection Working Group also hosted a webinar titled "The New York Declaration Turns One: RPWG Webinar on GCR and GCM". The Webinar updated APRRN's members about APRRN's current engagement thus far with the various global processes and the future anticipated interactions.

Global Compact on Migration (GCM)

APRRN also participated and led a number of panels in various events throughout 2017 in relation to the GCM:

- From 4-5 August APRRN in collaboration with a number of other civil society organisations co-organised the Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Consultations in Preparation for the Global Compact on Migration. Held in Bangkok, Thailand, the consultations brought together more than 60 CSO representatives from across the region to input into an outcome document that was presented at the state led ESCAP meeting in November (see below).



- From 6-8 November, several APRRN members attended the ESCAP Asia Preparatory Meeting on the Global Compact on Migration held in Bangkok. In addition to attending the plenary meetings to monitor states pledges and language towards refugees, APRRN also held an official side event on 8 November. Titled “Exploring the Nexus of the Two Global Compacts from a Gender Responsive Perspective”, the event was co-organised by APRRN and UNWOMEN. Speakers were from APRRN, UNWOMEN, the Bangladesh Government and UNHCR. Approximately 50 people attended the side meeting.

- On 2-3 December and 4-5 December, several APRRN members participated in the Civil Society Stocktaking and Strategy meeting and the Government Stocktaking Meeting on the Global Compact on Migration in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Attendees included Carolina Gottardo (Chair, Women and Girls at Risk Working Group), Gopal Krishna Siwakoti (former APRRN Chair), and Leeanne Torpey (IDC). This was the last event on the civil society roadmap on the GCM to formally provide input.

Regional Protection Working Group Roundtable

From 2-3 May 2017 the Regional Protection Working Group held a roundtable in Bangkok. The roundtable sought to enhance APRRN’s identification and pursuit of opportunities for strategic advocacy and collaborative action for strengthened regional refugee protection, with a particular focus upon encouraging and enabling the appropriate application of the Global Compact for Refugees (GCR) in Asia. The discussions also aimed to stimulate a sustained culture of engagement and sharing in relation to APRRN’s strategic advocacy work, currently focused on the GCR, out of this roundtable. 35 participants from 10 countries joined the roundtable and enriched the discussions with their knowledge and experiences. As an outcome of the roundtable, APRRN will continue to strengthen its engagement around the GCR but also the GCM and ensure the views of our members are reflected.

Global Forum on Migration and Development/ People’s Global Action (PGA)

From 29 June – 4 July 2017 Evan Jones from the APRRN Secretariat and APRRN’s former Chair Dr. Gopal Krishna Siwakoti attended the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) and the

People's Global Action (PGA). APRRN spoke in two separate sessions i.e. a panel on 'Safe, orderly and regular mechanisms for Children on the Move and other Migrants in Vulnerable Situations', and a session titled 'What does "Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration" mean in contexts of people compelled to flee across borders from conflict, persecution, climate change or to join family?'

The primary focus of the 2017 GFMD was the upcoming Global Compact on Migration that will be finalised by member states in late 2018. With participation in the Civil Society Days and Common Space Day with Governments, APRRN was able to ensure that the issue of forced migration was included in the discussions. As there will be two global compacts realised in 2018 (Global Compact on Migration and Global Compact on Refugees), there is the potential that certain vulnerable groups may fall between the cracks. In addition, there are numerous protection concerns and issues that are faced by both refugees and migrants e.g. detention, xenophobia, forced returns etc.

APRRN's engagement in the advocacy response to Trump's ban on refugee admissions

In the wake of U.S. President Trump's controversial executive order that established a travel ban on refugees and citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries, APRRN coordinated several activities in 2017 to raise awareness of the critical consequences of the disastrous policy.

As an immediate response, APRRN issued a press release voicing grave concern over the proposed prolongation for recognised refugees to receive international protection in the United States, which can be viewed [here](#). In addition, APRRN Chair Yiombi Thona wrote *an op-ed that was published in the Huffington Post*. APRRN's former East Asia Working Group Chair Victoria Wisniewski Otero also wrote an article *featured in the South China Morning Post*. APRRN also provided media outlets with several quotes, comments and interviews. Secretariat staff in Bangkok also met with the US & Canadian embassy as well as the EU delegation to discuss the impact of the ban for refugees in the region.



Statements

In 2017 APRRN issued a number of joint statements and letters addressing various regional protection issues:

'Urgent APRRN Statement: 'Rohingya Island' Proposal is Dangerous, Absurd & Inhumane'	February 2017
'APRRN Statement: Afghan Refugees in Pakistan Need Safety and Security'	March 2017
'APRRN Statement: Stop the Eviction of Rohingya in Jammu'	March 2017
'Urgent APRRN Statement: Immediately Cease Harassment and Intimidation of Sri Lankan Lawyer Lakshan Dias'	June 2017
'Thailand: Implement Commitments to Protect Refugee Rights End Detention, forcibly returns of refugees'	July 2017
'Open Letter to Minister Sar Kheng'	August 2017
'Less Talk and More Action: Support Bangladesh with Rohingya Crisis'	September 2017
'Open Letter to the Co-Chairs of the Bali Process: Triggering the Bali Process Consultation Mechanism'	November 2017
'Stop Persecuting the Persecuted: Australia must Provide Safety and Long-Term Solutions to Refugees on Manus Island'	November 2017
'Open Letter to President Xi Jinping Re: APRRN East Asia Working Group Calls Upon China to immediately stop the forcible repatriation of 10 North Korean refugees'	November 2017
'Open Letter to Indonesian President Joko Widodo'	December 2017

IN 2017 APRRN EXPANDED ITS MEDIA REACH THROUGH STRATEGIC LETTERS, PRESS RELEASES, AND OPINION PIECES. APRRN WAS A KEY REFERENCE FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE OF REFUGEE ISSUES IN THE REGION.

CAROLINE STOVER
LEGAL ADVOCACY DIRECTOR –
CENTER FOR ASYLUM PROTECTION



PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES:

CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

Capacity Building Workshop on Alternatives to Detention

On 8-10 March 2017, IDC and APRRN co-organised a two-and-a-half-day capacity building workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia attended by twenty-six civil society participants from Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Australia.

To help participants gain a better understanding of how case management works in practice, the workshop included with a site visit to two group homes for unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in Indonesia.

Dr Robyn Sampson and Vivienne Chew facilitated training sessions that delved into the theory and practice of IDC's Community Assessment and Placement (CAP) model. Within country teams, participants were given case studies to consider which positive policies and practices exist within their national contexts to gain insight into how this process is applied differently to foreigners based on particular factors.

The workshop also focused on advocacy strategies for overcoming tough audiences. Dr Robyn Sampson and Vivienne Chew reviewed the most common responses governments provided as arguments for dismissing alternatives to immigration detention and discussed practical tactics for countering these arguments.

Refugee Youth

The Bangkok Refugee Youth Leadership Training

The Bangkok Refugee Youth Leadership Training was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 29-31 May 2017. The training was organised by APRRN's Youth Working Group with assistance from APRRN member Victoria Wisniewski Otero and Youth Group Deputy Chair Arash Bordbar. Thirteen refugee youth from Somalia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Pakistan participated in the three-day workshop.

The training included an opportunity for reflective self-assessment of current leadership opportunities, workshops to upskill leadership abilities and training on human rights, advocacy and a workshop focusing on the current political climate in the region. Following the conclusion of the workshop, many participants expressed their desire to continue to engage in advocacy about refugee youth issues and have continued to engage with APRRN for follow up activities.

UNHCR – NGO consultations in Geneva

Several representatives from APRRN's Youth Working Group (YWG), including the Chair and Deputy

Chair attended UNHCR's Annual Consultations with NGOs held in Geneva. One youth currently in a refugee situation in Thailand, who has participated in a number of APRRN capacity-strengthening activities, among them the Bangkok Youth Refugee Leadership Training, represented APRRN's Youth Working Group at the Geneva consultations. This was a great opportunity for the youth representative to develop and apply their skills and engage in self-representation and self-advocacy. APRRN provided active mentoring support through the Deputy Chair and the Secretariat.

Film screening

On 25 May 2017, APRRN in partnership with Right to Play and Burmalink, assisted in organising a film screening to raise greater awareness of some of the issues faced by youth on the Thailand Burma border. Held at the Bangkok Screening Room, the film event provided a chance for Bangkok based individuals to come and learn first-hand the needs, challenges and advocacy of youth on the border. Two youth from the border also travelled to Bangkok to share their thoughts and concerns on repatriation, education and funding issues. The documentary can be found on [this page](#).



Short Course

APRRN's sixth annual short course, focusing on Advocacy and Refugee Rights, was held from 27-30 November 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The aim of the course was to strengthen participants' understanding of forced migration in the Asia Pacific through a human rights perspective and to also strengthen participants' capacity and knowledge in advocating for the rights of refugees in this region. The course was delivered through a combination of lectures, case studies and small group work.

Caroline Stover from the Center for Asylum Protection, Kalpalata Dutta from Mahidol University's Institute for Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP) and APRRN's Chair Yiombi Thona were the main course facilitators. Other resource persons came from UNHCR, Human Rights Watch and other regionally based NGOs. Twenty-four participants from Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand joined the course. Participants brought with them a wide variety of personal and professional backgrounds and group work provided ample opportunity for hands-on application of the daily topics.

Roundtable on Judicial Engagement for Southeast Asia

On 6-7 December 2017, 38 participants from Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand attended a Regional Roundtable on Judicial Engagement for Southeast Asia in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Roundtable was co-organised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Global Learning Centre and the Division for International Protection (DIP), the International Detention Coalition (IDC) and APRRN. The main objective of the Roundtable was to build capacity in and raise awareness of human rights standards and refugee law with a focus on asylum and refugee cases. In particular, the roundtable aimed at building essential knowledge and skills on judicial engagement and strategic litigation in relation to immigration detention with a particular focus on refugee and asylum-seeking children in detention.

The Regional Roundtable served as a 'kick-off' event, and provided an opportunity for strengthening existing, and mobilising further capacity of stakeholders with knowledge on, and experience in international refugee law, immigration detention as well as engaging new stakeholders with an interest in engaging in strategic litigation in the 3 focus countries. It is envisioned that national-level workshops will be convened in 2018, to build on the momentum gained through holding the Regional Roundtable. APRRN and IDC will continue to engage with and collaborate with UNHCR to ensure that the national workshops are realised, as part of a common strategy towards ending detention of children, promoting alternatives to detention and ensuring that, in instances where detention is lawful and unavoidable, conditions meet international standards.



PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES:

**KNOWLEDGE/
RESOURCE SHARING
AND OUTREACH**



Communications

APRRN continues to maintain its communication channels including a website, social media accounts, Google Groups and teleconferences. In 2017:

- Facebook "Likes" have increased from 2,445 in mid-December 2016 to 2,970 in mid-December 2017
- Twitter "Followers" have increased from 1,063 in mid-December 2016 to 1,360 in mid-December 2017
- 4 newsletters were published and are available [here](#)
- On average 3 posts were made per month to APRRN's website
- On average 10 Google Groups messages were sent per week
- 19 Working Group Teleconferences were held
- 3 Steering Committee teleconferences were held

Membership

As of December 2017, APRRN has 333 members in total (167 organisations and 166 individuals). APRRN currently has membership in 28 countries in the Asia Pacific region.

Post Deportation Monitoring

There has been a growing recognition within the network to raise awareness of "post-deportation monitoring" and a project on the same was started by the *Rights in Exile Programme*. Many of APRRN's members work with rejected asylum seekers that may be at risk of deportation and many APRRN members are aware that rejected asylum seekers post-deportation often face great risks upon their return. They may be subject to arrest, detention, torture and other forms of harassment and even death. What happens to them is often unknown.

Through APRRN we have seen more and more members reaching out to us and asking us to introduce them to members in countries of origin that can provide support post-deportation cases. We have addressed these requests informally in the past however would like to expand this work via the Legal Aid and Advocacy Working Group (LAAWG). The APRRN Secretariat is currently exploring collaboration opportunities with the *Post Deportation Monitoring* project started by Rights in Exile. We are not only looking to see how we can expand their *directory of organisations* in countries of origin that can provide support, but also want to explore further how we can practically support members on this issue. Our approach would also go beyond and include those who may return home voluntarily despite significant protection risks.

Representation and Outreach

APRRN was invited to participate and speak in the following meetings/workshops in 2017 (not exhaustive):

- Expats Supporting those in Need Charity Luncheon, Bangkok, Thailand (January, 2017)
- Track II Dialogue – Fourth Meeting, Jakarta, Indonesia (March, 2017)
- Guest lecture on Urban Refugees at Webster University, Bangkok, Thailand (June, 2017)
- National Symposium on Ending Violence Against Children in the Justice System, Bangkok, Thailand (June, 2017)
- 'ASEAN at 50: the Development Paradigm', Yangon, Myanmar (October, 2017)
- Track II Dialogue – Fifth Meeting, Manila, Philippines (September, 2017)
- Guest lecture on Refugees in Thailand at Thammasat University, Bangkok Thailand (November 2017)
- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Workshop on "New Narratives to the Refugee Crises: Perspectives from the Asia-Pacific", Singapore (November 2017)

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Staff changes

APRRN Secretariat saw a number of staff changes in 2017:

- Our Finance Manager, Ms. Praphai Jundee, took the decision to retire. In her replacement we welcomed Ms. Issaree Dinsamutra as APRRN's new Finance Manager.
- APRRN's Senior Programme Officer Helen Brunt left the Secretariat to take up a position with the IFRC. Sussi Prapakranant joined as the new Programme Officer in mid-April.
- Patcharin Nawichai joined the team as the new Operations Coordinator in May.
- The APRRN Steering Committee took a decision in March to promote Julia Mayerhofer to the position of Secretary General on a permanent basis.

Other updates

Throughout 2017 APRRN continued to be hosted by the Institute for Human Rights and Peace Studies at Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand. Since the middle of 2016, APRRN has embarked on a process to register as a local foundation in Thailand. The process concluded in early 2018.

Steering Committee Retreat

The 2017 APRRN Steering Committee Retreat was held on 18-19 November 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting provided an opportunity for respective working group chairs to update the Steering Committee on their activities to date and to garner feedback from their colleagues. In addition, the Secretariat gave a number of updates on relevant programmatic and operational issues such as APRRN's legal registration, the 2018 Operational Plan and budgetary issues. Discussions on other key issues such as the 'Rohingya Crisis' and alternative income generation models were also held.

Organisational review

Given that APRRN has recently reached 330 members and is nearing its 10-year anniversary, in early 2017 it was decided that APRRN should embark on an organisational review. Such a review is a timely opportunity to reflect on APRRN's impact and to explore ways that the Network can be strengthened and become more effective. This will also feed into APRRN's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. The last review was held in 2013.

Since November 2017, an external consultant was contracted via a formal recruitment process to undertake the review. In addition to analysing APRRN's current strategic plan, our impact and our achievements, the review team also looked at APRRN's structure and if that has been conducive (or otherwise) to achieving APRRN's goals. The evaluation team conducted interviews with APRRN's member organisations, steering committee, secretariat staff and donors. The evaluation offers recommendations to be taken into account as the Network moves ahead and approaches its next strategic plan cycle. The outcome shall offer a possible adjustment of future strategies, programming and structure. The report was completed in late December 2017 and follow-up has continued in 2018.

APPENDIX

Appendix A: APRRN Steering Committee (September 2016 to present)

Working Group Chairs and Deputy Chairs

The Chair and Deputy Chair of each Geographic Working Group and the Chair of each Thematic Working Group serve on the APRRN Steering Committee.

Name	Organisation	Country	Position
Yiombi Thona	Refugee pNan	South Korea	Chair of APRRN
Lilianne Fan	Geutanyoe Foundation	Indonesia	Deputy Chair of APRRN

Geographic Working Groups

Molly Kennedy	MCLaSS: Multicultural Learning and Support Services	New Zealand	Chair, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific
Paul Power	Refugee Council of Australia	Australia	Deputy Chair, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific
Il Lee	Advocates for Public Interest Law	South Korea	Chair, East Asia
Piya Muqit	Justice Centre Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Deputy Chair, East Asia
Deepa Nambiar	Asylum Access Malaysia	Malaysia	Chair, Southeast Asia
Gina Yap	Community and Family Services International	Philippines	Deputy Chair, Southeast Asia
Ashok Gladston Xavier	OfERR	India	Chair, South Asia
Imran Khan Laghari	Human Rights Alliance	Pakistan	Deputy Chair, South Asia

Thematic Working Groups*

Vivienne Chew	International Detention Coalition	Malaysia	Chair, Immigration Detention
Chris Lewa	Arakan Project	Thailand	Chair, Statelessness
Brian Barbour	Japan Association for Refugees	Japan	Chair, Regional Protection
Carolina Gottardo	JRS Australia	Australia	Chair, Women & Girls at Risk
Ali Palh	RightsNow Pakistan	Pakistan	Chair, Legal Aid and Advocacy
Dor Achiek	Settlement Services International	Australia	Chair, Youth

**Thematic Working Group Deputy Chairs are not part of the Steering Committee*

Non-voting members

Dr. Gopal Krishna Siwakoti, INHURED International, Nepal

Alice Nah, Centre for Applied Human Rights, United Kingdom

APRRN Thematic Working Group Deputy Chairs:

1. Immigration Detention Working Group: Najeeba Wazefadost, ANCORW, Australia
2. Legal Aid and Advocacy Working Group: Caroline Stover, Center for Asylum Protection, Thailand
3. Regional Protection Working Group: Tamara Domicelj, Act for Peace, Australia
4. Statelessness Working Group: Sumitha Kishna, Migration Working Group, Malaysia
5. Youth Working Group: Arash Bordbar, MYAN, Australia
6. Women and Girls at Risk Working Group: Tenneh Kpaka, ANCORW, Australia

Appendix B: APRRN Members

Afghanistan

- Tabish Organisation

Australia

- Access Community Services Limited
- Act for Peace-National Council of Churches in Australia
- AMES Australia
- Amnesty International Australia
- Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors (ASeTTS)
- Australian National Committee on Refugee Women
- Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce
- Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
- Bhutanese Community in Australia
- Centre for Human Rights Education, Curtin University
- ChilOut (Children Out of Immigration Detention Inc)
- Cisarua Learning Limited
- Connect Settlement Services
- Forced Migration Research Network, University of New South Wales
- Help Himalayan Youth Foundation
- HOST International
- House of Welcome
- International Detention Coalition
- International Tamil Refugee Advocacy Network – ITRAN
- Migrant and Refugee Rights Project Asia Pacific
- Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network

- Multicultural Youth Queensland
- MDA Ltd
- Naiker Associates
- NAMII, Consultants
- Occupational Opportunities for Refugees and Asylum Seekers Inc (OOFRAS)
- Overseas Services to Survivors of Torture and Trauma
- Oxfam Australia
- Refugee Council of Australia
- Settlement Services International (SSI)
- Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service (SA)
- The Kick Project
- UNICEF Australia

Bangladesh

- COAST Trust
- Nibedito Samaj Kalyan Songstha
- Odhikar
- OKUP (Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Program)

Cambodia

- Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility (CARAM Cambodia)
- Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW)
- Minority Rights Organization (MIRO)

France

- Urban Refugees

Germany

- Society for Threatened Peoples

Hong Kong

- Daly and Associates
- Christian Action
- Health in Action
- Justice Centre Hong Kong

India

- ARA Legal Initiative
- Development and Justice Initiative
- LHA Charitable Trust
- OfERR
- Socio Legal Information Centre (Human Rights Law Network)
- The Other Media
- Tibetan Legal Association
- Tibetan Voluntary Health Association

Indonesia

- Human Rights Working Group
- LBH Jakarta
- People's Crisis Centre
- Roshan Learning Centre
- SUAKA – Indonesian Civil Society Network for Refugee Rights Protection
- World Relief
- Yayasan KKSP, Kelompok Kerja Sosial Perkotaan
- Yayasan Geutanyoe (The Geutanyoe Foundation)

Iran

- Association for Protection of Refugee Women and Children (HAMI)
- Zanjirehomid Charity Institute

Japan

- Forum for Refugees Japan
- Japan Association for Refugees
- Refugees International Japan
- Stateless Network
- Tokyo Public Law Office

Kyrgyzstan

- Publication Foundation – Legal Clinic 'Adilet'

Macau

- Global and Community Mental Health Research Group

Malaysia

- CARAM Asia
- Development of Human Resources For Rural Areas (DHARRA)
- Federation of Reproductive Health Associations, Malaysia
- Good Shepherd Services
- Health Equity Initiatives (HEI)
- Malaysian Social Research Institute
- Mercy Malaysia (Malaysian Medical Relief Society)
- Migration Working Group
- Penang Stop Human Trafficking Campaign
- Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM)
- SUKA Society
- Tenaganita
- Voice of the Children
- PKPKM Sabah
- Yayasan Chow Kit

Mongolia

- Human Security Policy Studies Centre

Myanmar

- Rohingya Human Rights Monitoring Network
- Chin Human Rights Organization

Nepal

- Human Rights Organization of Nepal
- INHURED International
- Population Watch
- PPR Nepal

New Zealand

- Asylum Seeker Support Trust
- English Language Partners New Zealand
- Empower
- Canterbury Refugee Council
- Multicultural Learning and Support Services (MCLaSS)
- New Zealand National Refugee Network
- New Zealand Refugee Youth Council
- New Zealand Sri Lanka Forced Migrants' Support Group
- POONGA
- Refugees as Survivors
- Refugee Council of New Zealand
- Pegasus health (Charitable)

Pakistan

- Children and Women Trust
- Community Help Community
- ESCR – Asia Pakistan
- Forum for Human Rights Law and Policy (FHRLP) Pakistan
- Human Rights Alliance (HRA) Pakistan
- RightsNow Pakistan
- Rural Empowerment and Institutional Development (REPID)
- Rural Development Project (RDP)

- Pakistan International Human Rights Organization (PIHRO)
- Society for Human Rights and Prisoners Aid (SHARP-Pakistan)
- Union Aid
- Youth Association for Development

Papua New Guinea

- Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee

Philippines

- Community and Family Services International
- Migrant Forum in Asia

Republic of Maldives

- Maldives NGO Federation

Republic of Korea

- APIL (Advocates for Public Interest Law)
- Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights
- Dongcheon Public Interest Foundation
- EcoFemme
- Human Asia
- Korean Public Interest Lawyers Group GONG-GAM
- Migration to Asia Peace (MAP)
- Medipeace
- NANCEN
- Refuge pNan

Singapore

- Open Universities for Refugees
- Save the Children

Sri Lanka

- South Asian Network for Refugees, IDPs & Migrants (SANRIM)
- Centre for Migration Research and Development (CMRD)
- National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka

Switzerland

- Same Skies

Taiwan

- Taipei Overseas Peace Service
- Taiwan Association for Human Rights
- Union of Excluded Immigrants and Unwanted Citizens (UNIC)

Thailand

- Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)
- Asylum Access
- Burma Link
- Caritas Thailand
- Center for Asylum Protection
- Coalition for the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons
- Courageous Kitchen
- Fortify Rights
- Human Security Alliance (HSA)
- Jesuit Refugee Service Asia Pacific
- People's Empowerment Foundation
- The Arakan Project
- The Branch Foundation

UK

- Burma Campaign UK
- Centre for Applied Human Rights (University of York)
- Refugee Legal Aid Information
- Garden Court International
- Karenni Student Development Programme (KSDP)
- The Equal Rights Trust

USA

- Bond Street Theatre Coalition
- BPSOS, Inc.
- Burma Border Projects
- Japan-America Refugee Network
- Organization for Refugee, Asylum, Migration (ORAM)

Appendix C: Financial Statement

Income 2017	THB
Grants*	10,989,824.01
Interest received	11,058.49
Other Income	76,176.32
Total Income	11,077,058.82

Expenditures 2017	THB
Program Expenses	3,418,793.19
Administrative Expenses	7,658,265.63
Total Expenditures	11,077,058.82

Grants *	THB
Planet Wheeler Foundation (PWF)	2,537,944.46
UNHCR	2,148,764.12
OAK Foundation	3,122,231.75
Open Society Foundations	616,528.20
Heinrich Boll Stiftung Southeast Asia (HBS)	840,616.72
Settlement Services International	1,212,000.00
Act for Peace	511,738.76

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